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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were irregular, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady; however, in the Northeast, smaller birds were barely steady to weak. Demand ranged light to fairly good with best movement into food service and for features. Supplies were at least sufficient with smaller sizes in the longest position in the East. In the parts structure, thighs were adequate to tight and moving, and wings were in the heaviest supply and slow to clear. All other parts were more than adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/03-04/08/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	34.00-59.75	45.58	24
Los Angeles	62.00	—		
New York	48.00-51.00	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	55.50-57.50	41.50-59.00	56.87	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
562	51.94-59.25	57.18
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	3,800
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,650
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	596
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	7,465
WINGS	55.50	2,542

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, thighs and thigh meat remained in good supply to close balanced and moving, and the remaining items were adequate to ample with slow to fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last Friday. Reported trading on whole birds for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices, WOGS were unchanged to somewhat lower. Offerings in fair balance. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for next week's delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 17.75-21 and bone-on breasts 72-76.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were generally unchanged into Chicago from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of additional whole fryers were limited, wogs adequate or available for the light to fair buyer needs. Movement into all channels was light to fair at best with Chicago reporting moderate to fairly good demand into food service accounts. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable. Parts trading was mostly inactive with thighs and breast items the best call. Supplies of all items at least adequate for trade needs with thighs adequate to short. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on thighs, barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts, and about steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate heading into the weekend. Supplies of heavy birds were about adequate and lighter birds were mostly ample. Retail and distributive movement was slow to fair at best. The market tone was generally steady on the larger sizes and barely steady at best on the smaller sizes. In the parts market, thigh products continued tight to adequate. Wings were ample and continued to build. All other items were at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was generally noted as fair to fairly good. Offerings continued to vary by both size and volume, but remain fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were trimmed in instances, but some operations were slated for Saturday, and overall schedules were set at a moderately heavy volume. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, inquiry had increased and supplies were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.37
NO. OF BOXES	8,004
CUMULATIVE	
	03/27/00-03/31/00 54.40
	03/29/99-04/02/99 50.94
NO. OF BOXES	
	03/27/00-03/31/00 40,284
	03/29/99-04/02/99 37,379

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

"Effective March 31, preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers in Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Denver, and San Francisco will no longer be published on Friday. Friday preliminary prices for New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles will continue to be available. Prices for all 12 cities will continue to be published every Monday."

MAR 30, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 31, 2000

	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	547	125.00-187.00	125-135	133.04	823	115.00-187.00	125-135	129.95	3,163	132.52
TENDERLOINS	128	120.00-130.00	120-125	122.50	285	120.00-200.00	120-125	147.98	898	142.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	147	65.00-69.00	65-67	67.91	TOO FEW TO REPORT				620	68.48
FRONT HALVES	70	59.00-66.50	-	62.75	75	61.00-65.00	-	62.87	359	64.50
LEGS	46	27.00-33.00	27-29	27.78	46	27.00-33.00	27-29	27.78	188	27.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	539	14.00-17.00	14-15	14.51	512	14.00-17.50	14-16	14.57	2,811	14.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,201	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.30	1,276	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.50	5,550	18.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	56	52.00-53.00	-	52.38	317	52.00-75.00	57-59	59.92	706	55.91
WINGS (CUT)	716	58.00-77.00	-	63.10	360	57.00-64.00	60-61	61.67	2,104	63.65
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				93	33.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	29.44
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				30	80.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 30, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

36.50 - 41.75

38.63

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 31, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

37.50 - 41.25

38.72

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

39.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair entering the weekend. Offerings were in close balanced to tight on boneless skinless thigh meat, at least adequate to fully adequate on the balance of items. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was fully steady on thighs and boneless skinless thighs. Generally steady to barely steady on the remainder of items. Wings were slow in clearing.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*		VOL/LBS		TRADING*		VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135		395,440	137.77	130-135		492,360	137.96	2,231,660	
TENDERLOINS	125-130		63,360	129.85	125-130		109,720	129.98	403,440	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64		182,560	72.54	63-64		214,560	72.55	964,160	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63		173,000	66.83	63		194,640	67.48	780,280	
LEGS	26-27		163,600	32.47	26-27		218,000	31.62	968,000	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		364,356	18.45	17-18		520,719	18.55	1,844,936	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35		112,290	33.61	34-35		127,750	33.50	599,410	
THIGHS	27-28		55,680	31.78	27-28		75,800	31.01	324,770	
B/S THIGHS	79-80		30,200	83.98	80-81		46,760	83.10	173,060	
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49		192,720	58.53	48-49		301,520	59.04	1,073,000	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		29,280	12.03	10-12		51,440	12.03	201,960	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		23,360	33.80	30-35		36,960	34.00	156,730	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		55,120	44.74	40-45		78,280	47.40	309,680	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG ACTUAL WTS	
	03/31	03/30	03/29	03/28	03/29	03/28	03/24	03/22
ALA	3,815	3,915	3,754	3,836	4.98	5.04	3,909	4.97
ARK	5,148	5,109	5,073	5,123	4.89	4.89	5,071	4.88
DELMARVA	2,426	2,353	2,372	2,301	5.06	5.10	2,237	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,064	1,996	1,919	1,967	4.30	4.32	1,991	4.33
MISS	2,708	2,752	2,578	2,752	5.05	5.14	2,029	5.09
NC	2,457	2,567	2,436	2,549	5.73	6.01	2,637	5.74
TEXAS	2,227	2,281	2,130	2,190	4.81	4.90	2,236	4.87
TOTAL	20,845	20,973	20,262	20,718	4.98	5.03	20,110	4.99
MON-FRI	103,917(A)						102,274(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Mar 00 1-Apr-00 is estimated to be 31,186,000 up 3.34 percent from a week ago and up 20.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,177,000; last year 25,806,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Apr-00 is estimated to be 156,764,000 head up 1.0 percent from a week ago, and up 8.4 percent from a year ago

(Last week 155,206,000 Last year 144,575,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY,**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	75-90
HENS UNDER 5# HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104-108
	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	95
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Mar 18, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	34,535	32,493	38,417
Avg Weight	3.74	4.83	6.07
% of total /1	33%	31%	36%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	32,568	35,603	36,977
Avg Weight	3.79	4.84	6.15
% of total /1	31%	34%	35%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,608	15,350	41,022
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.02
% of total /1	36%	17%	47%
To date/2000	373,695	335,770	437,607
To date/1999	367,508	328,111	467,866

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	155,206(A)	2,046	1,483	3,529	407
AVG WT	5.08	3.61	8.30	5.58	6.65
LAST WEEK	148,354	1,971	1,448	3,419	476
SAME WEEK YR AGO	148,122	2,026	1,398	3,424	445
AVG WT	5.11	3.25	7.89	5.14	6.85
TO-DATE/2000	1,842,094	24,381	16,455	40,836	5,454
TO-DATE/1999	1,800,918	25,734	15,953	41,687	5,574

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 3.7 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 28, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .64	Silkie	2.50 - 3.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .66	Pigeons	3.25 - 4.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .64	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - 1.04	Rabbits 4-6	1.10 - 1.38
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - 1.02	Rabbits 7-11	1.00 - 1.24
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.70 - 1.06	Bunnies	3.00 - 12.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - 1.02	Guinea Pigs	1.50 - 6.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	.50 - 1.35	Goats	50.00 - 68.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50 ea.	Kid Goats	30.00 - 45.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.50 ea.	Doves	5.00 - 6.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .34	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .86
Leghorn Roosters	.40 - .64		
Total Coops Sold 784			

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR THE WEEK OF 27-Mar-00

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137-137	143-143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-55	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71-83	71-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices continued unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Movement was moderate to fairly good. Sizes were desirable. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-0.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 20-MAR-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY	19 157.1	152.5	103	5.10
	26 154.1	152.7	101	4.97
MARCH	4 156.8	153.3	102	5.20
	11 157.0	153.8	102	4.89
	18 150.2	153.3	98	5.11
	25 157.1	153.4	102	5.08
YEAR TO DATE	1,864.6	1,818.6	103	
APRIL	1 152.9			
	8 150.5			

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 25-Mar-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,995 HD, 19,735 lbs., Light Hens 175 HD, 611 lbs., Heavy Hens 11 HD, 94 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/01/00	03/25/00	% CHG	04/03/99	% CHG
Broilers	156,764	*155,206	+01	*144,575	+08
Cattle	677	684	-01	*640	+06
Hogs	1,871	1,863	0	*1,887	-01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were mostly unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Trading of heavy canners was of moderate to good volume, light canners was generally of fair volume. Demand was moderate but unaggressive for offerings that ranged from adequate to spot availability. The undertone continued to be about steady to steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-26.5 MAJORITY CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 33-39.5 MAJORITY 35.5-36.5 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 26-28.5 MAJORITY 26-27	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 33.5-39.25 MAJORITY 38-39.25

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings spotty.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offers at least adequate for the fair demand. Slaughter schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment generally steady.

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